Vanuatu opens first Trade Commission Office in Dubai

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Official opening and appointment of Mrs. Ruimin Cheng at the Trade Commission Office in Dubai.

Deputy Prime Minister of Vanuatu and Minister for Trade, Tourism, Industry and Ni-Vanuatu Business, Bob Loughman officially opened Vanuatu's first ever Trade Commission office in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday 27th September, 2018.

The office will be manned by the newly appointed Trade Commissioner, Mrs. Ruimin Cheng, a prominent business owner in Port Vila.

During his opening remarks, the Deputy Prime Minister reiterated the Government of Vanuatu's intention to further expand its representation in the Gulf Cooperation Council, a political and economic alliance of six Middle Eastern countries – Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman.

He said the opening of the office could not come at a better time. DPM Loughman congratulated Mrs. Cheng on this important appointment and encouraged her to carry out her duties with pride and always uphold the laws of Vanuatu and the UAE at all times.

Mrs. Cheng acknowledged her appointment and reassured DPM Loughman that she will do her utmost best in this position and will endeavour to increase Vanuatu's presence amongst the business fraternity not only in Dubai but the UAE as a country.

Vanuatu established diplomatic relations with the United Arab Emirates on 24 June, 2009 to promote mutual understanding and friendly relations and cooperation in all political, economic, social, humanitarian, cultural and scientific spheres.

The opening of this Trade Commission office is aligned with the Vanuatu Government's People Plan and is seen as an opportunity to tap into this very lucrative market and Dubai is possibly the best location for it, after-all Dubai is the second largest emirate of the UAE and a very modernized and one of the fastest growing commercial city in the world.

The Vanuatu delegation to the UAE for this auspicious occasion comprised of DPM Loughman; Madam Loughman; Benjamin Narai, Private Advisor to the DPM; Mike Masauvakalo, Head of EAMEA Division of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation & External Trade;

Samson Kaltang, Close Protection Officer to the DPM; Ruimin Cheng, the newly appointed Trade Commissioner to Dubai and Mrs. Lili Tian.

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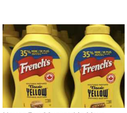

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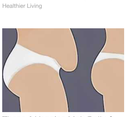

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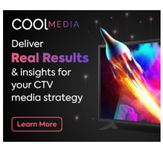

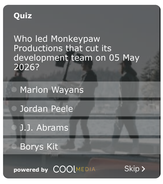

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